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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response is being filed in response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2006.

Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period of response three months, up to, and including September 10, 2006, along with the necessary fee. Please charge the necessary extension fee as well as any additional fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 203284/1235.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks.